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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**REPLY TO A FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

**Introduction**

Claims 19 and 145-156 are pending.

The Examiner maintains that there is no copendency between the present application and the earlier filed application 09/931,159, filed Aug 16, 2001.

Claims 19 and 145-156 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,303,634, issued Oct 16, 2001 (Cohen I).

Claims 19 and 145-156 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. US2002/0019418A1, published Feb 14, 2002 (Cohen II).

Claims 19 and 145-156 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cummings *et al.* (JAMA, 1999), vol. 281, pages 2189-2197 (Cummings).